

Appleby Archaeology

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Thursday September 2nd 2010 at Pear Tree Cottage Skirworth.

Present

Richard Stevens	Chairman	Tony Greenwood	Publicity
Martin Joyce	Newsletter Editor	Martin Railton	Field Work/Research
Mike Godfrey	Treasurer	Liz Hawkins.	Membership Secretary
Jen Callis		Phyl Rouston	Secretary

Richard, on behalf of those present, welcomed Jen to her first meeting and thanked Liz for her hard work as membership secretary and wished her well for the future.

Notes of the last meeting

The notes were agreed a correct record.

1/09/10

9/11/08 Papers from Mr Le Crane Phyl has given the relevant papers to the present owners of Brampton Mill.

4/09/09 Brackenber Research Excavations CWAAS have agreed in principle to fund the dating of two samples and suggested that SUERC be contacted. Martin R

7/03/10 New Projector has been purchased at a cost of £450. We received a grant of £330 from Cumbria County Council

2/09/10 Membership

1) Membership stands at 60.

2) Membership secretary Liz resigned as membership secretary and as a committee member. She handed over historical records to Phyl which include details of conference catering. She advised that the welcome letter from the chairman needs updating (Richard) and that the application form would also need to be revised (Martin J). It is hoped that a new membership secretary can be appointed. Temporary plans were agreed. The front of house role that Liz had done would be shared by the committee members (Martin R September) and that Phyl would purchase coffee, tea and sugar for the autumn meetings. Liz's hard work has resulted in an accurate and effective system and it was agreed that applications and renewals should be directed to the treasurer who would maintain the list for now.

3/09/10 Treasurer's Report

Mike advised that the current account total as at 2nd. September should read £1163.80. and not the figure tabled at the meeting.

4/09/10 Future Research

1) Possible Roman signal station Appleby golf course and the Augill signal station Martin R took Paul Frodsham out to see the sites on Brackenber Moor. Paul has agreed to fund the excavation of a trench across the Roman signal station as part of the North Pennines AONB 'Altogether Archaeology Project'. They discussed undertaking the excavation over 2 weeks in May/June 2011. The funding will cover the wages of professional staff from North Pennines Archaeology to supervise the work and provide training to volunteers, as well as writing up the project. The project will be open to all members of Appleby Archaeology and the volunteers of Altogether Archaeology. Group members will have to register with the Altogether Archaeology Project.

2) Cave in St George's Gill. Martin J had no further information. Martin R had contacted Natural England who would require a detailed project design. It was agreed to keep the idea in mind for some future date.

5/09/10 Festival of Archaeology 2010 Ninekirk survey weekend

Members of Penrith U3A joined members of the group over the week end of 17th & 18th July to survey land

close to St Ninian's church. It proved hard work but revealed evidence of an enclosure ditch and some linear features within the enclosure. A small area of the site was surveyed and much more could be done at future dates. Mr John Westrop of Hornby hall has donated his finds from several years field walking in the area. Report in Newsletter.

6/09/2010 Eden Valley Messenger

It was agreed that programme details be sent to them by Phyl.

7/09/10 Correspondence

The following have been received:-

Newsletters from Appleby and Westmorland Society, Bulletin of CLHA. Advertising literature had been received but felt not to be relevant to our group.

CVS Cumbria Phyl wrote asking them to remove our name from their membership and circulation lists.

8/09/2010 Committee Members Expenses

This was discussed at some length and it was decided that the secretary should receive a £10 honorarium annually to cover incidental expenditure phone calls stationary etc. Committee members were advised to seek reimbursement from the group for items that could not be charged to Appleby Business Centre and that stamps could be bought from the business centre. Phyl received a cheque for £20 for 2009 & 2010.

9/09/2010 Programme 2010/2011

Summer Events had been well attended except the walk to Caermote Fort. Reports of these events are in Newsletters.

The winter programme is complete. It was agreed the Stephen Walker would be the one speaker at the Members' Evening. Phyl to confirm this with him.

Stephen has agreed to lead a walk in May 2011 to Nine Standards. It was suggested that Paul Frodsham be contacted so that the walk could be part of Altogether Archaeology. Martin R and Richard to follow up.

10/09/2010 Assets Register

Martin J had compiled a list of the group's assets and where they were held. Some other items were identified. Discussion followed.. Some of the equipment held is out of date or in poor repair, and could be disposed off e.g. rusty screen,. Mike would hold the finalised list.

11/09/2010 Google Docs

Some months ago a file to maintain the membership list was set up by Martin J. Liz has been able to amend this record as has Martin and Phyl has had access to it. Discussion followed as to who should have access. It was agreed that the newsletter editor, the secretary, and the committee member dealing with membership should have access and other committee members would apply to them if details were needed.

12/09/2010 Future Conferences

It was agreed that in future we would aim for a conference every three years and that we would start planning for 2012 now. Two ideas were suggested, community archaeology and religious practices

This will be the main agenda item at the next meeting

Date and time of next meeting Thursday 2nd December at White House Brampton at 7.30pm.